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may. Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, to place the house under call, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Unexcused senators please report to the Chamber. The house is under call. Senator Tyson, would you please check in? Senator Jones. Senator Redfield, would you please check in? Senator Burling, please check in. Mr. Clerk, all present or accounted for. There's been a request for a roll call vote in regular order. Please call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. Legislative Journal page 731.) 28 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: AM0574 to LB 329 is adopted. Mr. Clerk. I do raise the call.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to bracket the bill until March 30, 2001. Senator Beutler, open on your bracket motion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I would like to offer this as truly a kind of compromise. It brackets just till March 30, that's five weeks off. What you have heard about this particular NRD provision is that we have a water quality problem. There's been no...no two sides to that debate, everybody agrees. Everybody also agrees that it takes a lot of money to resolve it. Everybody also agrees, and Senator Wickersham agrees, that this particular bill, this particular idea isn't going to come anywhere near to solving the problem. Senator Schrock has been consistent, throughout several years of debate, saying the problem needs to be resolved. He even supported the fertilizer tax solution. I know he's tried to get the committee to address the problem. I think the committee can address the problem. What I'm saying to you is here is an opportunity not to put off this bill forever but by your vote on this motion to say to Senator Schrock, lead us to a solution or at least put before us a solution to this problem this year. And that's what this vote could do. You put the bill off till March 30, we come back, we listen to the Natural Resources